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Columbia County Voter's Pamphlet

General Election November 3, 2020

Dear Columbia County Voters:

The Columbia County Voters' Pamphlet is published to inform voters with regard to the local candidates and measures from local jurisdictions within the boundaries of Columbia County. I would like to take this opportunity to pass on to you information regarding the November 3, 2020 General Election and your ballot:

- Oregon Vote by Mail. Oregon has been an entirely vote by mail state for 20 years. Ballots are mailed to all eligible registered voters 20 days prior to the election. Check and, if necessary update, your registration at www.oregonvotes.gov. An update there will take effect next day.
- **Ballot mailing dates**. Ballot packets will be mailed to the county at large October 14th. Expect to see your ballot during the week of October 19th October 23rd. After this week, if you have not received your ballot then you should consider requesting a replacement ballot.
- **Early voting.** You can vote and return your ballot at any time once you have received it. Returning your vote early is encouraged and greatly appreciated. An early return affords time and insurance your ballot is returned on time, more opportunity to resolve issues such as unsigned ballots, and would result in a higher reported return rate at 8 pm Election Night.
- **Returning your voted ballot by mail**. Voters no longer have to pay for postage to return their ballots by mail so it's an excellent opportunity to vote without leaving home. It is advisable that voted ballots should not be mailed back later than Wednesday, October 28th. If it's Thursday the 29th and you haven't mailed yet, you should deliver your ballot to a local drop site and use a drop box. Ballots received by mail after November 3rd will not be accepted, regardless of postmark.
- **NEW Ballot Drop Boxes at EXISTING locations.** Covid-19 has impacted the accessibility of, and has imposed a requirement for social distancing at, locations that are used for ballot drops. For safety, security and accessibility reasons, ballot drop boxes have been installed at three locations that previously had a drop box located inside their office. **Clatskanie Library, Vernonia Library and Rainier City Hall** now have permanent outside boxes at these locations which will be 24 hour accessible.
- Voter no longer at your address. If a ballot is delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving ballots at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox. If a ballot was sent to someone who has passed away, please write "DECEASED" on the envelope instead.

Make sure your vote counts! Ballots must be received by the Elections Office, no later than 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2020, to be counted. Drop site locations are listed on page 16 of this voters' pamphlet.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your County Clerk.

Stabeth "Betty" Huser

Elizabeth "Betty" Huser Columbia County Clerk

ATTENTION

This is the beginning of your county voters' pamphlet. The county portion of this joint voters' pamphlet is inserted in the center of the state portion. Each page of the county voters' pamphlet is clearly marked with a color bar on the outside edge. All information contained in the county portion of this pamphlet has been assembled and printed by your County Clerk.

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Voter Registration

Qualifications to register to vote

To register to vote in Oregon, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A resident of Oregon
- At least 16 years old

If you are not yet 18 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How to register to vote

ONLINE. Register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

MANUALLY. Complete an Oregon Voter Registration Card. Registration cards are available at any county elections office or at designated state agencies, including the Department of Motor Vehicles and some public assistance agencies.

When to update your registration

Update your registration if your

- Residential address changes,
- Mailing address changes,
- Your name changes, or
- You wish to change political affiliation.

Registration Deadline

A new registrant must register to vote by the 21st calendar day before an election to be eligible to vote in that election.

Am I registered to vote?

If you are already registered or think you might be registered to vote, visit www.oregonvote.gov/my vote to:

- check if you are registered to vote
- view your registration information
- update your voter registration

VOTING- EASY STEPS

Complete Your Ballot

1. Vote your ballot.

Look at your Official Ballot. Find the candidate or measure response (YES or NO) of your choice for each contest. To vote, completely darken the oval to the left of the response of your choice with black or blue ink

To vote for a write-in candidate, one whose name does not appear on the Official Ballot, completely darken the oval to the left of the solid line provided for the office and write the full name of the candidate on that line.

2. Review your ballot.

Make sure you have correctly marked your choice for each contest. Your official ballot may contain contests printed on both front and back.

3. Get ready to return your ballot.

Place the ballot in the return identification envelope. You may choose to use the optional secrecy sleeve. Election staff protect the secrecy of your ballot. Read the Voter's Statement on the return envelope and sign it on the signature line. Your ballot will not be counted if the return envelope is not signed. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file and the signatures must match for the ballot to be counted.

4. Return your ballot.

 By mail: Attach a first-class stamp to the signed and sealed return envelope. Mail it no later than the Thursday before Election Day in order for it arrive at Columbia County Elections by 8:00 pm on Election Day. A postmark does not count!

In person at an official drop site: Deliver the signed and sealed return envelope to any official drop site no later than 8:00 pm on Election Day. Postage is NOT required if delivered to an official ballot drop box location

PLFASE NOTE

Not all the candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot.

The content of your ballot is determined by your registration's residential address (This can be found on your return identification envelope near the signature line). Your official ballot will contain only the candidates and issues which apply to your residence.

If your residential address is incorrect, please update your registration.

Not all candidates submit information for the Voters' Pamphlet.

As a result, there will be candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet.

Columbia County Elections prints information as submitted.

We do not correct spelling, punctuation, grammar, syntax, errors or inaccurate information.

Columbia County

County Commissioner, Position 1 | County Commissioner, Position 1



Margaret Magruder

OCCUPATION: Columbia County Commissioner; Managing Partner, Oregon Shepherd, LLC; Owner/Operator, Magruder **Farms**

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Insulation Manufacturing Company Owner; Coordinator, Lower Columbia River Watershed Council; Third Generation Columbia County Farmer; 4-H Leader; Community Volunteer; Mother; Grandmother

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: MA, Syracuse University; BA, Political Science, Willamette University, Clatskanie High School Graduate

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Elected: Columbia County Commissioner; Precinct Committee Person; Columbia 6J School Board Appointed: Columbia County Budget Committee; Clatskanie-Quincy CPAC; Oregon State Weed Board; Oregon Sheep Commission; Oregon Board of Agriculture; American Lamb Board; Columbia County Extension **Budget Committee**

Priorities:

Livability: Columbia County residents want great schools, beautiful parks, public safety, good roads, support for veterans and access to other local government services. I will make these goals a priority by budgeting conscientiously, working to attract new businesses, and supporting responsible growth of new and existing businesses.

Local Jobs: Many county residents must commute for their work. My priority is to achieve a balance between large industries, small business, natural resource industries and agriculture. I will strive to bring more family-wage jobs to our county while still being conscious of our current resources and environment.

Recreation: We have one of the most beautiful and scenic counties in the state. Our river provides an abundance of recreational activities. Our trails offer access to beautiful woodlands. I will listen to the desires of our citizens and work collaboratively to ensure our county continues to be a great place to live and raise a family.

Endorsements

NW Oregon Labor Council

#Timberunity

Rick Hobart, Mayor of Vernonia

www.facebook.com/MagruderforCommissioner OR www.margaretmagruder.com

(This information furnished by Margaret Magruder)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. (ORS 251.335 (3b))



Brandee **Dudzic**

OCCUPATION: Columbia County Law Librarian; Founder, Repatriate Our Patriots (Veterans Nonprofit)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Conflict Resolution Practitioner & Educator; Teen Bystander Intervention Expert; Domestic/Sexual Violence Advocate

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Masters & Bachelors Degrees, PSU; Certified Oregon Court Appointed Mediator

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: U.S. ARMY: Fort Sam Houston, 232nd Medical Battalion (68W); Medic & Basic Life Support Instructor, Oregon ARMY National Guard; Columbia Community Mental Health Board Chair

NEIGHBOR VETERAN MOTHER

I care about our families and our most vulnerable. I will:

- Advocate for a new youth center where young people can receive support.
- Implement solutions to our homelessness and affordable housing crisis.

"As a nurse who visits Columbia County residents in their homes, I see the impacts of county policies on patients and the community daily. Brandee is committed to all of us. She'll care for those who need it most." Melissa Busch, Registered Nurse

A robust economy is key to a thriving Columbia County. I will:

- Support local business owners who create family wage jobs in our community.
- Protect our land and water while supporting tourism and recreation opportunities.
- Create good paying jobs and save taxpayer money by upgrading the county's energy infrastructure.

"I trust Brandee to support small business in Columbia County." - April Helton, Yoga Younion

"Brandee will protect the valuable land and water farmers rely on to grow food and contribute to our local economy." - Mike Seely, Seely Mint

I will increase transparency and accountability on County Commission by:

- · Making my work calendar public.
- Holding commission meetings at times and locations that serve the most people.

Endorsed by:

Oregon Working Families Party United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 **AFSCME Local 697** National Association of Social Workers Oregon Chapter Sierra Club Oregon Chapter Columbia County Democratic Party State Representative Tiffiny Mitchell St. Helens City Council President Doug Morten St. Helens City Councilor Ginny Carlson **Columbia County Port Commissioner Nancy Ward** Overcast Farm **Future Farm** Columbia County Coalition for Human Dignity

www.brandee2020.com

(This information furnished by Brandee Dudzic)

Columbia County

County Commissioner, Position 3 | County Commissioner, Position 3



Alex **Tardiff**

OCCUPATION: Columbia County Commissioner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Accountant, Tax Auditor State of Oregon, Farmer

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Scappoose High School. University of Portland - B.B.A: Accounting, AOC County College, NACO Leadership Academy

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: County Commissioner, Scappoose School Board Budget Committee

Community Board Involvement: Columbia Pacific Food Bank, Chamber of Commerce, Community Mental Health, Local Public Safety Council, Tourism Initiative, Scappoose Economic Development

As a lifetime resident of Columbia County, raising the next generation, I know our history, how to preserve it, and what it takes to move us forward. As an accountant I have the brains to digest complex issues and provide sound leadership. As a farmer I roll up my sleeves and get to work. As your commissioner it's no different.

Serving as a commissioner means you have the ability to listen and act to address today's problems. It means you are proactive in planning for the future. It means working everyday to make our residents and county prosperous. I ask for your support to make progress towards our shared future. **OUR VISION**

Prosperity for Workers and Businesses:

Support local business development and expansion

- Grow jobs in timber, aggregate, and agriculture by utilizing current technology Collaborate with local schools and colleges to build a
- workforce pipeline

Taking care of our community:

- Enhance recreational access to the rivers and forest
- Improve connectivity by enhancing broadband, transit and road infrastructure
- Expand services for veterans and seniors
- Increase affordable housing capacity

Government will:

- Be held accountable for spending
- Promote citizen engagement and involvement
- Provide transparent information in decision making Endorsed by:

Independent Party of Oregon - Columbia County Democrats -UFCW 555 - Oregon Working Families Party Joel Haugen - Scappoose - AFSCME Local 697 https://www.alexforcolumbiacounty.com/ - 971-506-3916 -

Facebook @Re-Elect Alex Tardif Instagram @reelect_alextardif

Together we can end tax and spend policies and keep Columbia County a great place to live, work and play. Thank you, Alex

(This information furnished by Alex Tardiff)

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Casev Garrett

OCCUPATION: Director of General Services, Columbia County

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Self-employed General Contractor; Construction Project Manager; Construction Engineer; Operations Management in Construction, Manufacturing and Surface Mining

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS Architecture and Project Management, Portland State University; Project Management Certificate Program, Clackamas Community College; Numerous Continuing Education Courses in Management and Regulatory Compliance; K-12, Scappoose, OR

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director of General Services, Columbia County; County Administrative Team; County Lands Committee; County Safety Committee; County Risk Management Committee; County Parks Advisory Liaison; CZ Trail Advisory Liaison; Columbia County Tourism Initiative.

I'm Casey Garrett and I'm running for Columbia County Commissioner Position 3. I have lived in Saint Helens for the past 14 years and was raised outside of Scappoose in the heart of Chapman. I am married and have 2 beautiful daughters, seven and eight years old.

I have nearly 20 years work experience in the private sector, plus 5 years working in government administration. For over 15 years I have managed complex operations, projects and schedules, and multimillion-dollar budgets. I have a track record of success and know how to navigate government processes. I have led efforts to make drastic changes within the county's General Services Department, proving we can do a better job. I take a hands-on approach and am never afraid to get my boots dirty.

I take great pride in the history of our County and want to do everything I can to make it an even better place for our residents, workers and visitors. I am active in our community and have volunteered thousands of hours of my time to support local causes. As your County Commissioner I will work tirelessly to manage public resources responsibly and make the absolute most out of what we have.

I am for:

- Keeping local taxes and fees low
- · Economic growth and living wage jobs
 - Increasing access to public lands
 - Customer service

LET'S GET THE JOB DONE

Endorsed by #TimberUnity

(This information furnished by Casey Garrett)

City of Scappoose

Council Member (B)

Council Member (B)



Tyler Miller

OCCUPATION: President & CEO at Miller Mendel, Inc. (Miller Mendel, Inc licenses a software solution to government agencies across the nation to assist with pre-employment background investigations of applicants).

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Reserve Deputy Sheriff, Columbia County Sheriffs Office; Public Safety, University of Washington, Harborview Medical Center; Cadet, Hillsboro Police Department

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Scappoose High School, diploma (2002); Public safety/executive protection academies, Graduate; CPI non-violent crisis intervention academy, Graduate; Various leadership courses

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Columbia County Sheriffs Office; Hillsboro Police Department

As a city council member, I will be your advocate. I hear your concerns about economic development, safe streets and sidewalks, community parks, needed services during COVID-19, public safety, and good government. Our current council and manager have put Scappoose on a good course; I am eager to help continue that success!

Economic Development

We must have well developed, executable plans for attracting the ideal businesses to our community. We need dedicated marketing personnel and a robust plan to promote our city's specific features that are attractive to those businesses that we see as a good fit for Scappoose.

Utilities, Transportation & Parks

We need to be forward thinking about community livability and commit to our utility, transportation, and park infrastructure.

COVID-19

COVID-19 has changed how we work and how our kids will grow in our community. To be successful, we must ensure that everyone has access to reliable internet and computers. We can take steps to help safeguard our community against the economic and educational impacts of COVID-19 and other challenges to come.

Public Safety

We must choose the best and most efficient public safety services. I am committed to improving practices for delivering services and will accept nothing less than accountable and transparent policies and practices.

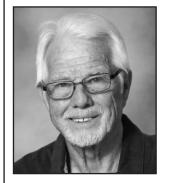
I have over 20 years of volunteer service to the public; my passion is in helping others.

Endorsements

Nancy Ward, Port of Columbia County Melinda Bernert Joel Haugen David Brown Tricia Stockwell Susan Conn

(This information furnished by Tyler Miller)

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Peter McHugh

OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Real Estate Sales --Windermere Real Estate; Principal -- Scappoose School District; Superintendent/Principal -- Schuebel School District Teacher/Coach -- Lake Oswego School District; Elementary Science/Math Specialist -- Coos Bay School District

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: King's High School (Seattle); George Fox College -- BA Psycholgy; University of Oregon -- MA Education; Portland State -- Certificate in Public School Administration

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City Council (appointed) -- City of Scappoose; Board of Directors (appointed) -- Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District

My highest priority is livability for all our citizens. That includes my long-standing commitment to parks and recreation, maintaining a well-trained police department whose officers and staff are friendly, professional and genuinely care about the people they serve, fewer trains coming through town each day and the development of a centralized commercial and business district that meets the needs of a small city and is something in which we can all take pride. Another priority is filling our newly developed 300-acre Columbia Commerse Park (near the airport) with businesses that will enhance our community and pay a fair wage.

Those of us who live here know that Scappoose is a special place. We have great people, excellent schools, a police department that keeps our City among the safest in the State and a geographical setting that is beautiful and unique. I want to build on these qualities to help shape the future of this great City and Community.

(This information furnished by Peter McHugh)

City of Scappoose

Council Member (B)

Council Member (B)



Marty Baldwin

OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Police Officer; Imperial Beach, CA.; Deputy Sheriff; Douglas County, OR.; Executive Director; Boy Scouts of America

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Southwestern College; Police Science; San Diego State University; Criminal Justice; San Diego County Sheriff Academy; Oregon State Police Academy

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City of Scappoose Economic Development Committee; Current; Port of Columbia Budget Committee; Current; City of Scappoose Budget Committee; Scappoose School District Strategic Long Range Planning Committee

My name is Marty Baldwin and my wife and I have lived in Scappoose for fifteen years and are proud to call it HOME. Our grandchildren attend local public school and my family shops, works and recreates here. The future development of Scappoose is paramount to all of us.

 Create responsible growth of neighborhoods and businesses while continuing to improve the livability of Scappoose.

I will work to create a fair tax base that benefits both business and homeowners. Looking to future growth will include the need to increase our water capacity development, improve quality of street surfaces, and monitor any proposed new high density housing projects.

 Develop safe sidewalks for our children in school zones, adjacent neighborhoods and improvement of crossings on Highway 30.

I propose to implement the gasoline tax funds passed in the last election to address hazardous sidewalk conditions and create new sidewalks around and adjacent to Grant Watts Elementary School and Scappoose Junior High. Safety and construction of ADA approved sidewalks throughout the city helps families and senior citizens alike.

 Establish incentives for continued development and encourage community pride on Highway 30 and throughout our city.

Working with the City budget I will continue to encourage adequate funding to support existing parks and invest in the expansion of the new property adjacent to Veterans Park and Chapman Landing on the CZ Trail.

Working together with YOU, we can achieve this and much more.

Thank you again for your vote.

(This information furnished by Marty Baldwin)

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Megan Greisen

OCCUPATION: Scappoose City Councilor; Distance Learning Educator; Grant Watts Parent Organization Vice President; Stay at Home Mom

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Educator

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Portland, Bachelors and Masters in Education; Reading Intervention & ESOL endorsements

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Scappoose City Council

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Scappoose. I do not take this opportunity for granted nor lightly. My husband and I are grateful that we and our children are able to call Scappoose our hometown. I am invested in what our community is now, and what it will become. Reflective in my practices, demanding of open-minded inquiry, and principled in decision-making, I am a valuable representative for Scappoose residents.

Over the past four years, I have been a part of a dedicated team that has guided Scappoose forward. I am proud of our many projects and plans designed to make Scappoose an even better place to live. Some of our accomplishments include:

- Updating City Master Plans
- Establishing Chapman Landing as a City park
- Completing Heritage Park
- Redesigning Miller Park
- Planning, Developing, and Opening Chief Comcomly Park
- Acquiring the Grabhorn Property for additional forms of recreation
- Upgrading and constructing sidewalks
- Annexing over 400 acres to aid in the creation of local jobs
- Passing a Fuel Tax to assist in improving streets and sidewalks
- Creating an Urban Renewal District to support aging infrastructure

Additionally, I have served as a liaison between the Council and the Scappoose School District, the Parks and Recreation Committee, and our Traffic Safety Committee.

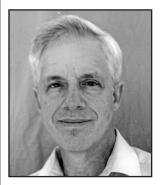
I am dedicated to listening to all sides and perspectives, resulting in informed and strategic growth for Scappoose. Your vote is greatly appreciated!

(This information furnished by Megan Greisen)

City of St. Helens

Council Member, Position 2

Council Member, Position 4



Patrick Birkle

OCCUPATION: Teacher

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Associate, 1985-1998; Director, Columbia County CASA, 2000-2001; Elementary Public School Teacher, 2000-Present

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Cheyenne Central High School, Conception Seminary College, BA Philosophy; St. Thomas Theological Seminary, MDiv; George Fox University, MAT

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: St. Helens School District Board of Directors, City of St. Helens Budget Committee, City of St. Helens Library Board

I am a 28-year resident of St. Helens.

I am independent. I did not accept financial contributions and did not seek endorsements.

As an educator, I believe in looking at issues from multiple perspectives. I will give thoughtful consideration to all opinions and viewpoints on issues that come before the Council.

City councilors are public servants. If elected, I will direct my monthly councilor's stipend to an account to establish a foundation for environmental education and preservation and restoration of natural areas in St. Helens.

My priorities are to:

- 1. Continue the work of the City to improve systems and procedures assuring accountability and transparency in city council practice and decisions regarding the use of city finances and resources.
- 2. Promote planned economic growth that provides for sustainable growth, family wage jobs, and a supportive tax base.
- 3. Ensure that the development of the waterfront, Boise White Paper property, and the repurposing of the wastewater treatment lagoon is done with as much community input as possible and to ensure that the development is done in ways that protect the safety and health of our residents and the environment.
- 4. Continue to examine what changes can be made in the structure and practice of our city government to ensure that all residents feel welcome and empowered to participate in all aspects of city life and governance.

For more information go to Facebook: "Patrick Birkle for St. Helens City Council, Position 2", Instagram "birkleforcitycouncil "or birkleforcitycouncil.blogspot.com/.

(This information furnished by Patrick Birkle)

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Ginny Carlson

OCCUPATION: Lifempowered: Supporting adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities to achieve their dreams and take active roles in their community.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Board Member; NAMI Member and Supporter; Earth Day Clean up & Beautification; Relay for Life Survivor of Lymphoma; CERT Graduate and volunteer since 2017; Keep it local Columbia County

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Luke Center for Catalytic Leadership Pacific Program; Ford Family Institute for Leadership Graduate; Ford Family Institute for Leadership Community Ambassador

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City of St Helens Tourism Committee; City of St Helens Entrance Sign Committee; City of St Helens Planning Commission; Budget Committee City of St Helens; Youth City Councilor Advisor; St Helens City Auditor

Equity and Inclusion for St Helens has been a driving force in all my work, no one should be left out.

Everybody swings project with Rotary (allowing kids with disabilities to play instead of watch)
ADA Restrooms and All Play Plans
Columbia County Century Ride Project

Project "Splash It Up" Water Feature Columbia View Park Envisioning a community that honors families and supports a healthy active lifestyle.

Project HWY 30 Banners Volunteer Coordinator Facilitator Waterfront Trail Advocate

Former Small Business Owner and Chamber of Commerce Board Member

Recent challenges may have delayed progress. But, by working together we can and will build a better future where all our citizens are welcome.

I believe Supporting Small Businesses is a vital part of good leadership and strong economic recovery. I will never give up on our community or it's citizens.

St Helens is a community for families, I am working everyday to keep us moving forward.

https://www.ginny4citycouncil.com

https://www.facebook.com/Ginny4CityCouncil

Leadership that Works for EVERYONE, it's the only way

Ginny Carlson for St Helens City Council - November 2020 -

(This information furnished by Ginny Carlson)

City of St. Helens

Council Member, Position 4

City of Vernonia

Mayor



Jessica Chilton

OCCUPATION: Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor I; Mental Health Counselor I; Columbia County Drug Court Counselor

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Columbia Community Mental Health - Counselor/Case manager; Executive Assistant for Sales Company; Event Sales Coordinator for the University of Portland

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: St. Helens High School, PCC, Western Oregon University, Concordia University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Head Start Policy Council & State Representative; SHGS board member

Past Leadership Awards & Volunteer Work: Moose Lodge member since 2012 and two-time winner of the Moose Lodge Sports Woman of the Year award. Head Start Policy Council member, and State representative for Columbia & Clatsop counties. Member of Columbia County Health Coalition, and former St. Helens Girls Softball coach and board member. Event planning Committee for CCMH responsible for several community events including thte Mental Health Wellness Fair in partnership with NAMI and previous partnerships with SHEDCO.

Priorities:

Youth sports/rec: I love thte outdoors and believe that we can do better with our local parks, which are an essential part of recreation and sports in the community. Being healthy and active is important to our children but they must have the appropriate facilities to help keep them engaged. I would like to give more attention to our local sports/rec resources through parks and facilities.

Development: I would like to also focus attention on the development of our community through housing and business needs that will support St. Helens families and growth of commerce.

Public Safety: Attention to public safety including road maintenance, park cleanup/maintenance, and provide adequate police protection while supporting law enforcement needs.

My goals are to bring a fresh voice to the council that is receptive to community input, with new ideas that support our vastly growing city. I would be honored to receive your vote and serve my community.

(This information furnished by Jessica Chilton)

Rick Hobart

OCCUPATION: Special needs school bus driver; Curl Bus Service

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Meter Reader, West Oregon Electric, 9 years; Laborer-Local 296 Portland, Oregon, 5 years; Log Truck Driver, Crown Zellerbach, 12 years

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Chagrin Falls High School, Diploma; George William College, Downer Grove, IL, 2 years; Oregon State School of Realty, Oregon Realty License, 1998

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Current Mayor City of Vernonia: 2018-2020

Volunteerism

- Volunteer at Oregon Foodbank; Twice per month
 Volunteer at Oregon Foodbank; Twice per month
- Volunteer to prepare Dewey Pool opening: Annually
 Provide yard maintenance at St. Mary's Catholic Church
 - Weed and tree trimming at various city locations

Leadership

- V.P. of the Vernonia Lions Club
- Initiated the "Citizen of the Month" Award during first month in office
 - Liaison to the Senior Board Committee
- Columbia County Jail Operating Citizen Advisory Committee

I believe that I bring a strong work ethic, a positive attitude and a listening ear to the office of Mayor of the City of Vernonia. I ask for your vote and support on November 3rd.

(This information furnished by Rick Hobart)

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City of Vernonia

City Council

City Council



Lorna L Poetter

OCCUPATION: Nursery Owner - paid; Semi-retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 20 yrs Washington Co 9-1-1; 20 yrs Farmwoman's Nursery; 2.5 yrs Tri-Met; 3 yrs Rock Creek Retirement Center

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Scappoose Grade Schools; Scappoose High School - 1971 - graduate; Portland Community College 2000-2003

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

Being a 43 yr resident in Vernonia I would love to give back to my community. I have been busy helping with projects in the City and wherever there is a need.

I bring no special interests or ulterior motives to this position. Only to serve the folks of Vernonia.

(This information furnished by Lorna L Poetter)



Susan Wagner

OCCUPATION: Contract Coordinator and Resource Developer for Community Action Team

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Vernonia School District, Special Education Assistant; Paralegal, Legal Assistant and Law Office Manager; Small Business Owner, eBay Sales since 1986

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Santa Monica College; SoCal Institute of Architechture; California State University, Northridge

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 2016 - current; Elected, Vernonia City Councilor; 2018 - current; appointed to Columbia County Public Safety Coordinating Council; 2019 - appointed member of Columbia County Economic Advisory Committee; 2010-2015 - Vernonia Planning Commission; 2011-14, 2016-current, City of Vernonia Budget Committee; 2008-2009 - Staff to Governor's Oregon Solutions Team, assisting Vemonia's flood recovery

I moved to Vernonia from Colorado with my husband and daughter in summer 2006. We were drawn to Vernonia for its location, its people, and because we knew Vernonia would be a great place for our daughter to grow up.

When the flood hit on December 3, 2007, I knew I needed to step up and give back to the community that had become my chosen home. I showed up at City Hall and volunteered to help, working sometimes 18 hours a day at the beginning of the emergency. I was hired by Community Action Team in January 2009, and continue to serve communities throughout Columbia, Tillamook and Clatsop counties.

I firmly believe in investing in my community, financially and physically. I have been very involved and active in Vernonia, assisting many different local groups and organizations, through grant writing, committees, and fundraising activities. I worked at the schools as a special education aide and parent volunteer. My broad and varied experience and background has served the community well as a member of the City Council.

I love being part of the solution, working with my neighbors, listening to my fellow community members, and helping Vernonia continue moving forward in a sensible and levelheaded manner.

I've always believed you can't just say "someone should do something." I want to continue to be that someone, to continue to serve you as your City Councillor.

(This information furnished by Susan Wagner)

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City of Vernonia

City Council

Clatskanie People's Utility District

Director, Clatskanie PUD, Subdivision 4



Grant Williams

OCCUPATION: Pastor

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Retired School Bus Driver

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Orange High School, Diploma; Northern Arizona University, Bachelors; Multnomah Bible College, Masters Degree

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Vernonia Planning Commission; Vernonia Library Board Chair

My goal as a city councellor for Vernonia is to help provide a safe, clean, functional environment that allows our city to flourish and prosper

(This information furnished by Grant Williams)



Jake Carter

OCCUPATION: Assistant Business Manager; IBEW Local 125

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Columbia River PUD - 11 years; Dyno Nobel - 9 years

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: St. Helens High School - Diploma; Oregon State University; Oregon State Joint Training Apprenticeship Council - Journeyman Lineman

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Board of Directors, Columbia River PUD - 8 years

My name is Jake Carter and I have served on the CRPUD Board of Directors since 2013. I am a lifelong St. Helens resident along with my wife and three sons. I have been an active community volunteer in youth sports and coaching for the last 18 years.

Since joining the board in 2013, I have helped refocus the PUD on providing safe, reliable and affordable electric service. Here are some of our accomplishments:

- Built and energized the Betsy Johnson Substation
- Rebuilt the St. Helens Substation
- Rebuilt critical and vulnerable power lines and infrastructure throughout the service territory
- Maintained a rigorous Tree Trimming Program
- 2018 employee survey showed high morale
- Used reserves to help offset rate increases
- Maintained an A+ Bond Rating from Standard & Poor's
- Paid off all of our longterm debt

I represent CRPUD at meetings for Northwest Public Power Association, Northwest Requirements Utility, Bonneville Power Association, Oregon PUD Association and serve as Board President for Oregon PUD Association.

I will continue to build a PUD that provides safe and reliable power to the customer with the lowest possible rates, while supporting a harmonious workforce.

I look forward to your vote in this election.

Thank you,

Jake Carter

(This information furnished by Jake Carter)

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Clatskanie People's Utility District

Director, Clatskanie PUD, Subdivision 1

Director, Clatskanie PUD, Subdivision 2



Bob Wiggins

OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Millwright/Vibration Analyst, Georgia-Pacific Wauna Mill, 22 years; Construction Millwright, 13 years

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Linn-Benton Community College, Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training. Journeyman Millwrlght; Portland Community College; Benson High School Graduate

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director Clatskanie PUD; Community Service; Sports Coach, Boy Scouts, Clatskanie Cruisers; Director Wauna Federal Credit Union

It has been my honor to serve you on the Clatskanie PUD Board of Directors representing Subdivision 1. As a director my duties have included Board Treasurer, Vice-President and currently Board President. I have worked to maintain the lowest residential power rates in Oregon, provide new infrastructure to assure your electricity is delivered reliably, user friendly office hours and insuring safety for customer/owners and employees.

The CPUD is in a new era of regulation and government requirements. It is essential that directors are informed and prepared to effect changes that benefit our customer/owners. I have represented CPUD on the Northwest Public Power Government Relations Committee and at Public Power Council, meeting with Bonneville Power Administration to identify strategies that reduce our power costs. My participation at Special Districts Association of Oregon has resulted in substantial cost reductions to the PUD. I continue to support the Arrowrock project. The power purchase contracts of clean renewable energy enabling CPUD to exceed state requirements and selling power and renewable energy credits out of district to reduce your monthly bill. Maintaining power rates at a competitive advantage will keep and stimulate employment in our community. I will continue to serve you with integrity and insure that your participation is valued and encouraged.

(This information furnished by Bob Wiggins)



Merle Gillespie

OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Telecommunication Technician 38 yrs

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Sammamish High School 12 th Grade General Education Diploma

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City of Clatskanie Budget Commmittee; Clatskanie Park & Recreation District Budget Committee; Clatskanie PUD Director

Today more than ever with the challenges facing electrical utilities, the need for experienced and dedicated leaders are crucial to Clatskanie PUD. The changes in power supplies, federal and state regulations require strong leadership to keep our PUD strong and competitive. This provides benefits for residents, businesses and industry in our community. With the possibilities of new industry locating at Port Westward, this is more important than ever.

I believe I have the experience and qualifications to provide the guidance for helping to lead the PUD into the future. I currently serve on the Clatskanie PUD board and I am the representative to Oregon PUD Association. My priorities are: to have a safe, reliable power system, excellent customer service and a financially sound PUD.

As a team player I feel I have the ability to work with board members and staff to continue the record of quality service. Clatskanie PUD has provided 77 years of benefits to this community and I would like to see it continue into the future.

(This information furnished by Merle Gillespie)

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Columbia County

Measure 5-278

BALLOT TITLE

COLUMBIA COUNTY GUN SANCTUARY ORDINANCE LIMITING FIREARM REGULATION

QUESTION: Should Columbia County officials be prevented from enforcing most state, federal, and local firearm regulations?

SUMMARY: This ordinance would prevent Columbia County and its employees from devoting resources or participating in any way in the enforcement of any law or regulation that affected an individual's right to keep and bear arms, firearm accessories, or ammunition.

Although this ordinance would generally prohibit county officials from following firearms regulations, exceptions would be allowed in certain limited situations. County officials could still comply with firearms laws that relate to convicted felons, could still participate in the enforcement of firearm crimes, and could still take any actions necessary to comply with court orders.

Violators of this ordinance would be subject to civil penalties such as fines up to \$2000 dollars for individuals and \$4000 dollars for a corporation.

Measure initiated by petition.

Explanatory Statement is not applicable.

ARGUMENT FOR

Argument In Support of Measure 5-278. Columbia County 2020

Voters have a stark choice in November. Even as Portland politics continues to condone chaos on our streets, efforts continue to make sure you are helpless to protect yourself and your family.

Make no mistake and don't believe the propaganda. All ballot measure 5-278 does is ensure your right and ability to defend your life and the lives of your loved ones.

Year after year, politicians in Salem and extremists in Portland work overtime to enact new laws and rules to restrict your 2nd Amendment rights or make self defense firearms useless, if available at all.

Measure 5-278 protects Columbia County residents from the ever expanding reach of big city radicals who are promoting violence and supporting unchecked criminal behavior while demanding that you be helpless when your town or home is targeted.

This year send a message to the militants that their out-of-state money can't buy your silence or intimidate you.

Measure 5-278 is a simple, common sense measure to guarantee that you and your family do not become the latest victims of the senseless violence Oregon's elected officials are promoting.

The same people who are looting and destroying property are demanding that the police be neutered.

Don't stand by while your rights, your liberty, and even your life are placed in jeopardy. Vote yes on Measure 5-278.

Submitted by: Oregon Firearms Federation

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Ranier Cemetery District

Measure 5-283

BALLOT TITLE

FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR CEMETERY OPERATIONS

QUESTION: Shall the Rainier Cemetery District impose \$0.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years for operations beginning in 2021-2022? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three (3) percent.

SUMMARY: The Rainier Cemetery District will use the tax revenue from this measure to operate the district at an increased level of service. Without the additional revenue the district will be unable to replace equipment and hire additional part-time staff needed for the daily operation of the district's twelve cemeteries. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$75,166 in 2021-2022, \$81,180 in 2022-2023, \$87,674 in 2023-2024, \$94,688 in 2024-2025 and \$102,264 in 2025-2026 for a total of \$440,972. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate and may not reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Implementing a five year local option levy for the purposes of cemetery operations will provide funding to increase our level of service to the District by allowing the hiring of a part-time office support staff member and replacing aging equipment. In addition to office support, the additional funding will allow the District to contract for additional landscape maintenance support during the peak mowing season, May 15-July 15. Community members who frequent any one of our twelve cemeteries on a regular basis have commented that the level of maintenance and care has declined.

Currently, our Sexton maintains twelve cemeteries (approximately 37 acres of land covering 25 miles between Rainier and Clatskanie, with cemeteries in Quincy/Mayger, Delena, Prescott, Goble, Apiary and West Deer Island), meets with the families, plans and carries out all burials, processes all of the paperwork for burials that is required by the State of Oregon Mortuary Board, as well as, processing all paperwork mandated by his duties as Sexton to the District. By adding the additional support staff, our Sexton will be better able to devote more of his time taking care of the families and their loved ones final resting place, as is his number one priority.

The District's permanent tax rate was established in 1962 at \$0.07090 per \$1,000 of assessed value and is severely inadequate to fund current staffing needs, as well as replace the aging equipment used every day to service the needs of the District.

This levy would be for five years beginning in 2021-2022 fiscal year. The levy rate of \$0.0500 on a home with an assessed value of \$150,000 would be an additional \$7.50 per year.

Having adequate staffing levels, much needed equipment replaced and operating supplies are so very important when taking care of your family's final resting place.

Submitted by: Cyndi M. Warren RCD Bookkeeper

ARGUMENT FOR

DISTRICT CEMETERIES: APIARY, CEDAR HILL, GREEN MOUNTAIN (N & S), HUDSON, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, KOBEL, MAPLEWOOD, MAYGER, MURRAY HILL, NEER CITY, STEWART CREEK, WOODBINE

I encourage all 8500 registered voters living within boundaries of the Rainier Cemetery District to go to their website and take a look at the absolutely beautiful property that we are so lucky to have for the final resting places of our ancestors, and perhaps, ourselves.

It would cost you \$10,000 to find a "prime burial plot" in Portland Or. Surrounded by a large, noisy city. Our cemeteries lay on prime property surrounded by nature. Our district only charges \$800 for a gravesite in one of their cemeteries. But, they can't afford the manpower needed to maintain the 13,000 gravesites on the 37 acres of land that is inside the district.

How can the need for more than one employee not seem logical to the voters in the district? Don't they know what is expected of this one person?

- making all required recordings of death each time one occurs, as mandated by the State of Oregon
- handle all inquiries from the public about the location of gravesites
- 3. selling gravesites in 10 of the 12 cemeteries
- 4. caring for the condition of graves in all 12 cemeteries
- caring for all landscaping of all cemeteries; that means constant mowing April to September, in addition to pruning, clipping, earth movement, etc.
- 6. placing headstones and urns for families in all 12 cemeteries
- 7. maintenance of all of district equipment and property
- 8. everything else required of someone handling the business of death.

The cost of the requested 5 year tax levy for a PROPERTY OWNER, would be \$0.05 per \$1000 of real property value. Example: \$300,000 = \$15.00/year (\$500,000 = \$25/year). That would be the cost to show respect to the dead, and those who will be dead, and buried in one of the 12 locations within the district. It is well worth the cost of \$25 a year per household to keep it in the condition our forefathers intended when they made this land available and created our cemetery district in 1950. The cemeteries are falling in disrepair as resources are drained.

In the May election, only 3500 people in the cemetery district even voted! Of those 3500 people, 52% voted against providing ongoing maintenance, and safe working conditions for the one employee that is expected to do it *ALL*.

Cemeteries reflect the values of their communities. Our communities are presenting a sad reflection to those visiting our cemeteries.

Submitted by: Judy Lepin

ENDORSEMENTS

Duane Bernhard, VP ROHM Scott Falconer, Rainier Cemetery District Fern Hill Grange #592 Dick and Kay Heflin Margaret C Magruder Kathi Mattinen

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Ranier Cemetery District

Measure 5-283

Paul and Judy Nys Shirley Susan Roberts

ARGUMENT FOR

To the voters of the Rainier and Clatskanie area: I am writing in support of measure 5-283, the Rainier Cemetery District 5-year maintenance levy. As stated in the explanation, the levy is 5 cents per 1000 valuation, in addition to the 7 cents per thousand tax base. I am not a present or past member of the cemetery board, but I have people planted there going back four generations. I want our local cemetery to look nice, but how can a single employee keep the dandelions mowed and the fences repaired on twelve locations, totaling nearly forty acres? This is in addition to keeping the records, selling plots and opening and closing graves. The board is not asking to increase the tax base, although that is sorely needed. They are asking for a levy to replace worn-out equipment and hire a little help; to have a little cash on hand to cover unexpected expenses, like well or building repairs. This levy has been before the voters twice before. Please consider the small price asked to just maintain the existing properties.

Please vote YES on local Measure 5-283 Carol Everman, lifelong Rainier resident

Submitted by: Carol Everman

ENDORSEMENTS

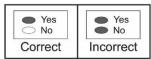
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CHECK YOUR BALLOT

Completely fill in the oval next to your choices.

Check for overvotes. If you vote for more candidates than allowed for an office or if you vote both 'Yes' and 'No' on a measure, it is called an overvote. Your vote will not count for that candidate or measure.



If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot, you may request a replacement ballot from the Elections office or you may make your changes on the ballot.

If you make changes to your ballot choices, make your choice obvious. Election workers will inspect each ballot to make sure your intent is understood and the ballot is counted correctly.

Two examples of how to make your intent clear are below.



You do not have to vote in all contests.

Your other votes will still count. You cannot change your vote once you have mailed or dropped off your ballot.

Contact Columbia County Elections to ask for help if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged
- your ballot is lost
- or for any other reason.

Columbia County Elections (503) 397-7214 elections@co.columbia.or.us

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What If ...?

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

If you make a mistake that cannot be corrected, call the Columbia County Elections Office (503) 397-7214 and **request a replacement ballot.** One will be mailed to you provided the request is received within time for mailing. Otherwise, you may pick up a replacement ballot in person.

What if I don't vote on everything on the ballot?

Your ballot will still be counted. If you choose not to vote for a particular office or measure, this is tallied as an "undervote" and the rest of the ballot will counted as you intended.

What if I don't sign my return envelope?

You will be sent a notice in the mail that you have not signed your ballot. Follow the instructions on the notice in order to remedy your unsigned ballot and it will be counted. You must remedy your ballot by the 14th day after the election in order for it to be counted.

What if I don't put my ballot into the secrecy sleeve?

Your ballot will still be counted. The secrecy sleeve is purely optional.

What if I don't receive my ballot?

If you are a registered voter and don't receive your ballot after the following week that ballots are mailed out, call the Columbia County Elections Office at (503) 397-7214.

BALLOT RETURN

You May Vote Your Ballot And Return It As Soon As You Receive It.

Your ballot must be received by an Oregon County Elections Office, or at an official Oregon elections drop site, by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 3rd, 2020 in order to be counted. Postmarks do not count. Return via:

Mail: Apply USPS first class postage and mail as soon as possible. Your ballot must be received by 8:00pm Election Day. POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT.

Drop off: - Deliver as soon as possible to an official drop box by 8:00 pm Election Day. Ballots may be delivered to any official ballot drop box in Oregon.

COLUMBIA COUNTY BALLOT DROP SITE LOCATIONS

Columbia County Courthouse

230 Strand St, St Helens

Scappoose City Hall

33568 E. Columbia Ave

Clatskanie Library

11 Lillich St, Clatskanie

Rainier City Hall

106 B St West, Rainier

Vernonia Public Library

701 Weed Ave, Vernonia

Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD

12525 Oregon Highway 202, Mist

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